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USIB-CSS
SANIT 1/16
for Contractors*

MEMORANDUM FOR:   Howard J. Osborn

SUBJECT:          Sanitized Version of DCID 1/16

   1.   A copy of your Security Committee memorandum of 5 December
to the USIB Executive Secretary and its attached "Intelligence Community
Policy: Security of Compartmented Computer Operations," was passed to
me for information--but I thought a comment might be useful.

   2.   The Security Committee has done a good job in maintaining
essentially all of the "meat" of DCID 1/16 in this sanitized version,
but deletion of the reference to "USIB members" and substitution of
references to "cognizant approving authority" or "cognizant sensitive
compartmented information authority" may create an opportunity for
confusion.

   3.   I recognize that the purpose of the sanitization is to
enable use of the policy statement by non-USIB government agencies
as well as USIB contractors, but I think that the DCI's responsibilities
for the protection of intelligence sources and methods might be used to
give him direct cognizance of the security aspects of the compartmented
computer operations in "non-USIB government agencies."

   4.   Would it be feasible to add to the list of definitions
something like:

      "Cognizant approving authority:   The United States
   Intelligence Board member for departments and agencies
   represented on the USIB and their contractors; the Director
   of Central Intelligence for federal departments and agencies
   not represented on the USIB."

   5.   This could complicate the problem of issuance of the policy
statement, since it probably would be necessary to get NSC approval for
assertion of the DCI role as the "cognizant approving authority" for
non-USIB organizations.

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